

**Board for Geologists and Geophysicists**

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**Board for Geologists and Geophysicists  
Board Meeting Agenda**

Date: November 16, 2007  
Time: 9:00 am  
Location: Palos Verdes Peninsula Center Library  
650 Deep Valley Drive  
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274

Board Members: William Black, President; Richard Blake, Vice-President; Shirley Husar; James Ashby; Shayan Samii; and Cecilia Yu.

1. Roll Call to Establish a Quorum
2. Public Forum  
This time is scheduled to provide the public with an opportunity to address the Board on items not on the agenda; however, the Board may not take action on such items at this time.
3. Minutes
  - Action: The Board will consider adopting minutes of the August 3, 2007 Board meeting.
4. Executive Officer Report (Rempel)
  - a. ASBOG® Developments
  - b. Budget
  - c. Staffing
  - d. Board Office Re-Location
  - e. Professional Standards: Licensing
    - Action: Board will consider if a doctoral degree in Marine Sciences (with emphasis in Marine Geology) satisfies the statutory requirement for graduation "...with a major in the geological sciences...."
  - f. Professional Standards: Disciplinary Update
    - Action: Board will consider directing staff to actively implement Business and Professions Code section 101.6.
    - Action: Board will consider the use of its fine authority less than \$2,500 in cases that do not affect consumer health, safety or welfare.
  - g. Public Education and Consumer Outreach
    - i. Sacramento Mineral Society, October 13 and 14.
    - ii. GRA "Source Zone Characterization and Remediation", November 14 and 15.
5. Committee Reports
  - a. Enforcement Oversight Committee (Magorian, Chair)
    - i. Review of complaints against professional engineers and professional geologists; evaluation of standards applicable to either licensed occupations doing similar work; determination of differing standards of care.

*Protection of the public shall be the highest priority of the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount. (Business and Professions Code Section 7810.1)*

- Action: Board will consider adopting and implementing recommendations of the EOC to insure equivalent public protection in the practice of Professional Geology and Geophysicists.
- b. Technical Advisory Committee (Mello, Chair)
    - i. Status of “occupational analysis” of areas unique to practice in California
    - ii. Status of certified specialty geologist practice evaluation
      - Action: Board will consider reforming, renaming and re-directing the committee.
6. Legal Report (Duke)
    - a. *Ex parte* communications
  7. Closed Session – Personnel Matters, Examination Questions, Procedures and Results, Administrative Adjudication, and Pending Litigation [Pursuant to Government Code §11126(a) and (b), §11126(c)(1), and §11126(e)(1)]
    - a. Personnel matters
    - b. Update on Settlement Agreement: Superior Court Case No. 02CC17018
    - c. Enforcement matters
    - d. Examination procedures and results
  8. Open Session to announce results of Closed Session (Black)
  9. Board Member Reports
    - a. Legislative Committee (Black, Yu)
    - b. Other Announcements
  10. Adjourn

**Note: Starting time is approximate. Agenda items may be taken out of sequence at the discretion of the President for convenience of the Board and members of the public. The Board will break for lunch at approximately 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. as determined by the Board President.**

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*It is the public policy of this state that public agencies exist to aid in the conduct of the people's business and the proceedings of public agencies be conducted openly so that the public may remain informed.*

*In enacting this article the Legislature finds and declares that it is the intent of the law that actions of state agencies be taken openly and that their deliberation be conducted openly.*

*The people of this state do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies which serve them. The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created.*

If you wish to address the Board regarding any particular agenda item or during the "Public Forum" on an issue that is not on the agenda, please indicate your interest on a "Public Participation Card" available at the meeting and return it to a Board staff member so you may be heard at the appropriate time. Persons addressing the Board who wish to remain anonymous may do so. The Board President may limit time allotted for public comments according to the number of people who wish to speak.

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